



REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 23, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

The Examiner's early allowance of claims 2-5 and 8-10 is noted with appreciation.

Claim 11 stands rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that it fails to point out what is included and what is excluded by the claim language. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot in view of the cancellation herein of claim 11.

New claim 12 is added to broaden the protection afforded the claimed invention by removing unnecessary limitations from the previously allowed claims. It is respectfully submitted that claim 12 is patentable over the prior art of record.

It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Notice of such, and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would be helpful in expediting consideration of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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